

I am the General Manager of the following radio stations in the greater Cleveland, Ohio area: WTAM, WMMS, WGAR, WMJI, WMVX, and WAKS. We have a news department staffed by 15 fulltime professionals and over 10 part-time professionals. We also provide frequent traffic and weather updates on all of our stations.

Through our local information we create a bond with our listeners. They turn to us for information.

When the Commission granted licenses for satellite radio, it relied on the express promises by XM and Sirius that their service would be national-only. Obviously both companies are breaking their promises. They have already launched localized traffic and weather services in many markets. Other local "service" elements, which have been the mainstay of successful local stations, can't be far behind.

The FCC, in authorizing satellite radio, vowed to protect "vibrant" local broadcasting, and promised to take "any necessary action to safeguard the important service that terrestrial radio provides." I ask that the Commission please keep your vow and support the NAB's Petition.